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1. GERMAN MORE Espinosa, newly-elected president of the Federacion Estudiantil Universitaria (FEU, Federation of University Students), is a disguised Communist whose election was engineered by the Partido Socialista Popular (PSP, Cuban Communist Party.)¹ (C-6) MORE's election came about in the following manner: Word was circulated around the university that there should be a unanimous vote for the new FEU president in order to give him the necessary authority to act under present strained conditions in Cuba. On two occasions balloting resulted in six votes each for Jose Antonio ECHEVARRIA Bianchi and Ricardo GREIG, and one vote for MORE Espinosa, after which MORE emerged as the logical transition candidate, and was elected on the third ballot, receiving a unanimous vote.
2. MORE is unpopular with the student body because, as an unknown, he won the FEU elections. Criticism is already being leveled against him for lack of personality and ability, and it is believed that he will soon be asked to resign as FEU president.
3. The new Directive Council of the FEU is also pro-Communist, as evidenced by its declarations to the press and in Bohemia magazine on the theme "We cannot speak of anti-communism while there are dictatorships in Latin America", which is a theme of the PSP.
4. A students' united-front of the masses, composed of Communist agitators, influences the FEU along the lines desired by the PSP. These Communist agitators are members of the PSP and the Juventud Socialista (JS, Cuban Communist Youth Organization). The following persons make up the students' united-front of the masses:

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